

SECTION 1. Section 434.022, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (f) to read as follows:

(c-1) The program shall establish regional coordinators in major centers of economic growth to provide the services described in Subsection (c).

(f) The program shall consult with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Small Business Administration in developing procedures under this section to ensure the services provided by this program do not duplicate services provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Small Business Administration.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 127, Nays 8, two present not voting.

Approved May 22, 2015.

Effective May 22, 2015.

APPEAL OF WAIVER OF JURISDICTION AND TRANSFER TO CRIMINAL COURT IN JUVENILE CASES

CHAPTER 74

S.B. No. 888

AN ACT

relating to the appeal of waiver of jurisdiction and transfer to criminal court in juvenile cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 4.18(g), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(g) This article does not apply to a claim of a defect or error in a discretionary transfer proceeding in juvenile court. A defendant may appeal a defect or error only as provided by Chapter 56, Family Code ~~[Article 44.47]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 51.041(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The court retains jurisdiction over a person, without regard to the age of the person, for conduct engaged in by the person before becoming 17 years of age if, as a result of an appeal by the person or the state under Chapter 56 ~~for by the person under Article 44.47, Code of Criminal Procedure,~~ of an order of the court, the order is reversed or modified and the case remanded to the court by the appellate court.

SECTION 3. Section 56.01, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c) and (h) and adding Subsections (g-1) and (h-1) to read as follows:

(c) An appeal may be taken:

(1) except as provided by Subsection (n), by or on behalf of a child from an order entered under:

(A) Section 54.02 respecting transfer of the child for prosecution as an adult;

(B) Section 54.03 with regard to delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision;

(C) ~~[(B)]~~ Section 54.04 disposing of the case;

(D) ~~[(C)]~~ Section 54.05 respecting modification of a previous juvenile court disposition; or

(E) [(D)] Chapter 55 by a juvenile court committing a child to a facility for the mentally ill or *intellectually disabled* [~~mentally retarded~~]; or

(2) by a person from an order entered under Section 54.11(i)(2) transferring the person to the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(g-1) *An appeal from an order entered under Section 54.02 respecting transfer of the child for prosecution as an adult does not stay the criminal proceedings pending the disposition of that appeal.*

(h) If the order appealed from takes custody of the child from *the child's* [his] parent, guardian, or custodian or *waives jurisdiction under Section 54.02 and transfers the child to criminal court for prosecution*, the appeal has precedence over all other cases.

(h-1) *The supreme court shall adopt rules accelerating the disposition by the appellate court and the supreme court of an appeal of an order waiving jurisdiction under Section 54.02 and transferring a child to criminal court for prosecution.*

SECTION 4. Article 44.47, Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an order of a juvenile court waiving jurisdiction and transferring a child to criminal court that is issued on or after the effective date of this Act. An order of a juvenile court waiving jurisdiction and transferring a child to criminal court that is issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

REGULATION OF MONEY SERVICES BUSINESSES; AFFECTING THE PROSECUTION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

CHAPTER 75

S.B. No. 899

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of money services businesses; affecting the prosecution of a criminal offense.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 151.003, Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 151.003. EXCLUSIONS. The following persons are not required to be licensed under this chapter:

(1) the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, including the United States Post Office or a contractor acting on behalf of the United States Post Office;

(2) a state or an agency, political subdivision, or other instrumentality of a state;

(3) a federally insured financial institution, as that term is defined by Section 201.101, that is organized under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;

(4) a foreign bank branch or agency in the United States established under the federal International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. Section 3101 et seq.);

(5) a person acting as an agent for an entity excluded under Subdivision (3) or (4), to the extent of the person's actions in that capacity, provided that: